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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, JUNE 6

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS:

Q: ANYTHING ON RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO? IN BONN, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGO HAVE AGREED TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN SECRET NEGOTIATIONS TODAY BETWEEN MR. SCHAUFELE AND THE CONGO FOREIGN MINISTER.

A: WELL, WE CAN CONFIRM THAT A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN BONN TODAY BETWEEN AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE CONGO (BRAZZAVILLE) BUT I CAN'T GO BEYOND THAT.

Q: WELL, IT WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT AT A LUNCHEON.

A: WHO MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT?
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Q: WEST GERMAN STATE SECRETARY GUNTHER VON WELLE.

A: WELL, WE WILL ANNOUNCE OUR OWN DIPLOMATIC POSITIONS

AND I'M SURE THEY WILL ANNOUNCE THEIRS. AT THIS POINT I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING EXCEPT WHAT I HAVE SAID.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY ANALYSIS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE SEYCHELLES OVER THE WEEKEND?

A: I DON'T THINK I CAN JUST GO INTO A GENERAL QUESTION LIKE THAT. DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFICS ABOUT IT?

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY CONTACTS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT?

A: YES. THE NEW LEADER OF THE SEYCHELLES, THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, FRANCE ALBERT RENE, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH OUR CHARGE IN VICTORIA, GREGORY L. MATTSON. TO ANTICIPATE THE QUESTION, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU ON THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF THIS NEW GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME.

Q: HOW ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THAT TRACKING STATION WHICH IS THERE?

A: ACCORDING TO BULLETINS WE HAVE HEARD ON THE RADIO, THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER STIPULATED AS ONE OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH HE WOULD CONSIDER FORMING A NEW GOVERNMENT, THAT ALL AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ENTERED INTO BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESPECTED. AND THESE CONDITIONS WERE REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED BY THE ORGANIZERS OF THE COUP. THEREFORE, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE TRACKING STATION UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT SHOULD COME INTO QUESTION.

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Q: WHAT DOES THE MOOSE APPOINTMENT MEAN INsofar AS CONTROL OVER AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND SO FAR AS IT AFFECTS AMBASSADOR YOUNG?

A: WELL, I DON'T THINK THAT THIS APPOINTMENT IN ANY CASE SHOULD BE READ AS AFFECTING AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN ANY WAY. IT'S SIMPLY AN INTERNAL MOVE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND SHOULD BE SO REGARDED. I THINK IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO

INTERPRET IT IN RELATION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG. VANCE

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